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Few showers

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### **Beavers Dash to build Habitat for Humanity**



Jennifer DiMase '01 bounds past the finish line during MIT Habitat for Humanity's second annual Beaver Dash 5K race on Sunday. Proceeds from the more than 100 runners who participated will go towards sponsoring an MIT Habitat home in Boston.

### Most students don't support new dining plan, survey by UA reveals

One-sixth of undergraduates respond to survey about student life

By Robert McQueen

NEWS EDITOR

Students are strongly disinterested in the proposed dining plan, according to a survey conducted by the Undergraduate Association last week. Out of 222 respondents who said they lived in a dining dorm, only 98 said they had heard or read specific details about the plan. Of those 98 students, only 8 supported the new dining plan. Approximately one-sixth of undergraduates participated in the one-page survey, which asked questions about student life issues.

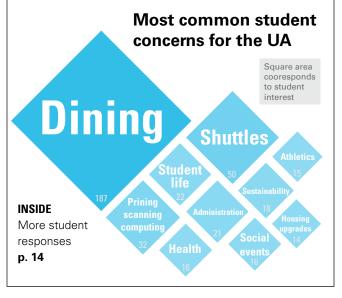
"It is hard to defend a plan that a majority of the students

don't support," said Samantha 'Sammi" G. Wyman '11, Vice President of the UA. Looking at the survey data, Wyman said that it is "not clear that affected students support the

President Vrajesh Y. Modi '11 and Wyman said that they contacted Dean for Student Life Chris Colombo and are hoping to meet with him today to discuss the results of the survey. The Division for Student Life has not yet responded to a query made by The Tech yesterday at 4:00

While the ultimate deci-

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### **PBE** hearing exposed, new details emerge

Juror sheds light on JudComm failings

By Joanna Kao

PBE's initiation process included pouring beer on pledges, according to one of the jurors from PBE's Sept. 6 Judicial Committee hearing.

Though he did consider PBE's actions hazing, the juror said he felt that expulsion was too harsh a punishment given what PBE had done. At the hearing, however, he was asked to focus on whether PBE had hazed, not whether the punishment (which is recommended in the Judicial Committee bylaws) was appropriate. He was not aware that the committee could issue an alternative punishment.

Some Interfraternity Council presidents also disagreed with PBE's harsh penalty, and have moved to modify the Judicial Bylaws.

### A juror speaks out

Anthony D. Merriman '12, one of the jurors in PBE's Judicial Committee hearing, said he does not agree with the punishment that PBE received as a result of being found responsible for hazing.

Did the process follow the rules that are set forth for Judcomm hearings? Yes it did. Is the conclusion something that I think should have happened? No, I don't believe so," he said.

Merriman, who ended up voting against PBE, said that there was an initial vote of 2-to-2. He was one of the jurors who felt that PBE should not be expelled. He agreed that PBE hazed, but felt the punishment was too severe. Merriman later changed his vote when the jurors were told only to consider whether or not PBE had hazed.

"The first vote was fairly informal. It was more of a stance vote to see where people or how people felt about it. Garrett [The judicial committee chair] did not want to move forward with a 2-2 vote, so we continued discussing," Merriman said.

During the discussion, jurors were told to first focus on whether or not what PBE did was hazing. They were told not to consider whether the violation merited the punishment (in this case, expulsion).

"As a JudComm member, you're not supposed to consider the punishment or the consequence when

### **IN SHORT**

Register now to teach for ESP Splash! by midnight Tuesday. Be a role model for incoming high school students and host a class on any subject you desire. To sign up, visit http://esp.mit.edu/teach/ Splash/index.html

**Happy National Coming** Out Week! On-campus activities are planned for every day this week. For more information, see http://web.mit.edu/ gamit/www/calendar/

Balfour will be on campus to take care of Brass Rat business on Tuesday and Wednesday in Lobby 10 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A booth will be set up for new orders, resizings and questions.

Apply for an Externship this IAP! The deadline is Wednesday at 9 a.m. Company listings can be viewed on the alumni website. http:// alum.mit.edu/students/ex-

Change the world at the IDEAS and Global Challenge Generator this Wednesday in Walker Memorial, 7–9 p.m. Listen to ideas or pitch your own idea to improve the world.

The MIT Press Bookstore **Loading Dock Sale** is this Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at building E38. Books sell for up to 90 percent off. Come on Saturday for "no-book-dealers" day.

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### **Professor Diamond wins Nobel Prize**

Economics professor shares prize for work on market frictions

By Catherine Rampell

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Peter A. Diamond PhD '63, a nomifor a Federal Reserve Board position, and two collaborators were awarded the 2010 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science on Monday for their work on markets where buyers and sellers have difficulty finding each

The work of the winners, Diamond of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dale T. Mortensen of Northwestern University and Christopher A. Pissarides of the London School of Economics, is best known for its applications to the job market. The researchers spent decades trying to understand why it takes so long for people to find jobs, even in good economic times, and why so many people can be unemployed even when many jobs are available.

Traditional economics, after all, would predict that wages should simply drop, helping the labor supply to meet labor demand automatically and sweeping iobless workers into whatever position were immediately open.

These researchers' explanation addresses the complications that come from searching for jobs and job candidates: It takes time for unemployed workers to be matched with the proper opening, since people are not identical, cookie-cutter units, and neither are

While all this may seem intuitive, in the 1970s it was considered quite radical. The resulting insights about how search costs can affect markets also helped revolutionize not only labor economics but fields like public finance and housing economics as well.

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FENG WU—THE TECH FILE PHOTO

Institute Professor Peter A. Diamond PhD '63 won the 2010 Nobel Prize for Economics yesterday, for his work on modeling the friction in markets. Diamond shares the prize with two co-winners. Dale T. Mortensen and Christopher A. Pissarides.

### FORGET ABOUT O'DONNELL

The Tea Party has outliers, but at its core it's still a strong movement. OPN, p. 4

### **LOST IN COMMON GROUND**

Standardization is inevitable these days, but it's also a peril. OPN, p. 5



### **THE TECH VISITS NEW** YORK COMIC CON!

BAM! POW! Michael Lin takes a look at the weekend full of gaming, costumes and of course, comic books. CL, p. 8-9

### **MLB POSTSEASON ROUNDUP**

The Yankees, Rays, Giants and Phillies are favorites for the upcoming Championship Series. **SPO, p. 16** 

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### Obama pushes transportation spending

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration said Monday that it would ask the lame-duck Congress next month to approve a \$50 billion down payment on his long-range initiative to improve the nation's roads, railways and air systems and to find savings to offset that cost, suggesting a new urgency to create jobs after last week's disappointing unemployment report.

President Barack Obama met at the White House with mayors, governors and current and former transportation secretaries of both parties to promote the infrastructure initiative, which he first proposed in September. Afterward, Ray LaHood, his transportation secretary and a former Republican congressman, told reporters that the lame-duck session would present an "upfront opportunity" to pass the \$50 billion measure.

Before then, however, the midterm elections Nov. 2 are all but certain to expand the size of Obama's Republican opposition for the new Congress that convenes in January.

-Jackie Calmes, The New York Times

### China grows more wary of U.S. military in region

BEIJING — Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates met his Chinese counterpart, Liang Guanglie, in Vietnam on Monday for the first time since the two militaries suspended talks with each other last winter, calling for the two countries to prevent "mistrust, miscalculations and mistakes."

His message seems directed mainly at officers like Lt. Cmdr. Tony Cao of the Chinese navy.

Days before Gates arrived in Asia, Cao was aboard a frigate in the Yellow Sea, conducting China's first war games with the Australian navy, exercises to which, he noted pointedly, the Ameri-

The Pentagon is worried that its increasingly tense relationship with the Chinese military owes itself in part to the rising leaders of Cao's generation, who, much more than the country's military elders, view the United States as the enemy.

Last month's Yellow Sea maneuvers with Australia's navy are but the most recent in a series of Chinese military excursions to places as diverse as New Zealand, Britain and Spain.

-Michael Wines, The New York Times

### Hotels are sprucing up in a downturn

The hotel industry in the United States, still in the doldrums from the slowdown in leisure and business travel, is generally not taking on many major redesigns or other big projects. But there

Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide is planning guest room redesigns for its Sheraton and Westin brands. An announcement is expected on Tuesday.

And some top business travel hotels are undergoing total or major refurbishments in cities like New York and Los Angeles, as well as London and Shanghai. Holiday Inn, a brand of the Inter-Continental Hotels Group, meanwhile, says it will complete its systemwide, top-to-bottom upgrading of all its hotels by Decem-

Starwood's redesign plans will affect just 30 Sheratons and 11 Westins out of a total of 576 hotels worldwide next year, at an estimated cost of over \$100 million.

Industry experts predicted that these and other refurbishments would continue to be unusual, perhaps for years.

Hotels mostly are franchised or managed, not owned, by companies like Starwood and Marriott, though the companies set standards for decor and service that hotel owners must maintain. The owners, not management companies, must pay for upkeep.

-Jane L. Levere, The New York Times

### Conservative group gives donors secrecy, then attacks

By Jim Rutenberg, Don Van Natta Jr. and Mike Mcintire

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The American Future Fund, a conservative organization based in Iowa, has been one of the more active players in this fall's campaigns, spending millions of dollars on ads attacking Democrats. It has not hesitated to take credit for its attacks, issuing news releases with headlines like "AFF Launches TV Ads in 13 States Targeting Liberal Politicians.

Like many of the other groups with anodyne names engaged in the battle to control Congress, it does not have to identify its donors, keeping them — and their possible motivations — shrouded from the public.

But interviews found that the group was started with seed money from at least one influential Iowa businessman: Bruce Rastetter, a cofounder and chief executive of one of the nation's larger ethanol companies, Hawkeye Energy Holdings, and a rising force in state Republican politics. And hints of a possible agenda emerge from a look at the politicians on the American Future Fund's hit list. Most have seats on a handful of legislative committees with a direct say in the ethanol industry.

Frequently speculated as a likely backer of the group, Rastetter has now acknowledged through his lawyer that he provided financial support at its inception roughly two years ago. The lawyer, Daniel L. Stockdale, said Rastetter had not given since, adding, "He does not feel that he should reveal the size of prior contributions."

The American Future Fund, organized under a tax code provision that lets donors remain anonymous, is one of dozens of groups awash in money from hidden sources and spending it at an unprecedented rate, largely on behalf of Republicans. The breadth and impact of these privately financed groups have made them, and the mystery of their backers, a campaign issue in their own right.

Through interviews with top Republican contributors and strategists, as well as a review of public records,  $some\ contours\ of\ this\ financing\ effort$ including how donors are lured

with the promise of anonymity - are starting to come into view.

In part, political operatives have reconstituted the vanguard of reliable Republican contributors who helped elect President George W. Bush and support Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, which attacked the Vietnam record of his opponent in 2004, Sen. John Kerry. But as with the American Future Fund, the effort also appears to include business interests focused on specific

Bradley A. Blakeman, a longtime Republican operative and a senior aide in the Bush White House, said, "Donors are the usual suspects that have helped Bush, as well as some fresh faces."

Stoking the flow of dollars has been the guarantee of secrecy afforded by certain nonprofit groups. Mel Sembler, a shopping mall magnate in St. Petersburg, Fla., who is close to Republican strategist Karl Rove, said wealthy donors had written six- and seven-figure checks to Crossroads GPS, a Rove-backed group that is the most active of the nonprofits started this year.

### Conflicting stories surround American found in Afghanistan

By Alissa J. Rubin

KABUL, Afghanistan — As a U.S. military patrol walked through a rural, Taliban-dominated district of Kandahar province recently, a man wearing local clothes came toward them shouting, "Don't shoot, I am an American!'

He asked for their protection, saying that he had been abducted by the Taliban and held for months but had finally managed to escape, according to Western officials in Kabul.

That is one version of his story. It is not the one told by local villagers, elders and Taliban in the Zheri district of Kandahar. They say that he sought out the Taliban and was treated less as a hostage than as a supporter and that he openly traveled with them on motorcycles around the district. A tall black, he cut an unmistakable figure, they

remains mysterious about the man, identified as Takuma Owuo-Hagood, not least of all his motivations for going to Afghanistan. The Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that Owuo-Hagood entered the country June 23, a little more than three months before he surfaced.

He is now back home, in the Atlanta area. Family members reached there said that Owuo-Hagood, a 25-year-old husband and father, was a baggage handler for Delta with business aspirations. They said he had tried to make money traveling to China and Turkey to buy clothes for resale back home and that he had been drawn to Afghanistan by revelations of its untapped mineral wealth.

"He thought that might be a good place to seek out business opportunities," said his father, Mikell Hagood, asserting in a telephone

interview that his son had not been a willing guest of the Taliban.

Western officials in Kabul say they remain uncertain of Owuo-Hagood's motivations. An internal memorandum circulating among Western officials cautiously says that Owuo-Hagood "traveled to Kandahar and was then 'abducted' and held for several weeks."

"On Oct. 2," it continues, "he 'escaped' and flagged down U.S. forces in RC-South.'

The U.S. Embassy would say little other than to confirm that a private U.S. citizen sought assistance from U.S. forces on Oct. 2 in southern Afghanistan and that the embassy flew him to Kabul and returned him to the United States.

After arriving in Kabul, Owuo-Hagood made a call to his family. But after weeks without any further word, the family contacted the State Department, his father

### **WEATHER**

### Rain today, followed by beautiful autumn weather on Wed., Thurs.

By Roman Kowch

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The picture-perfect weather from the three-day weekend will transition to more cloudy conditions and some rain. The precipitation, however, should be fairly light and will only last during the daylight hours today. Highs will also be slightly cooler compared to the weekend (lower 60s°F). The weak low pressure responsible for the rain will clear the area by tonight, giving way to beauti-

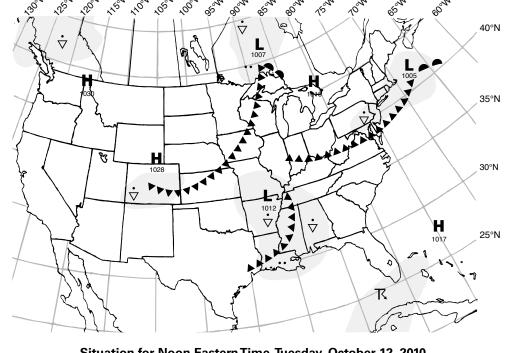
ful conditions once again for the middle of the week. Winds should also remain fairly light. allowing for rapid cooling during Tues/Wed nights. After Thursday, the weather gets interesting as current weather models predict a strong low pressure passing near New England on Friday. Currently, it's unclear whether or not this projected storm will develop into a nor'easter, but it will likely bring rain and gusty winds by the start of next weekend. Stay tuned!

### **Extended Forecast**

Today: Cloudy with showers. Clearing late. High 62°F

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 43°F (6°C). Tomorrow: Sunny. High 61°F (16°C).

Thursday: Mostly Sunny. High near 59°F (15°C). Low near



### Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, October 12, 2010

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### In California, marijuana is now an art patron

By Randy Kennedy

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Nonprofit arts groups tend to spend much of their time scrounging for grants and praying for corporate largesse. But one art foundation taking shape on 120 acres in the high oak chaparral of Sonoma County has different kinds of worries these days: spider mites, bud rot and the occasional low-flying surveillance visit from the local Sheriff's Office.

This is because the foundation, called Life is Art, recently began to reap a new kind of financing, in the form of tall, happy-looking marijuana plants. Late this month, with some help from the sale of its first small crop, grown under California's liberal medical marijuana laws, the group plans to present on the land an inaugural exhibition of sculpture and installation work by more than 20 visiting artists — some of whom will have helped bring in the harvest. The foundation's hope is that income from succeeding crops will fully support such projects, in perpetuity, creating a kind of Marfameets-ganja art retreat north of San Francisco and a new economic engine for art philanthropy.

At a going wholesale rate of \$200 or more an ounce in the Bay Area for high-quality medical marijuana, it's a lot simpler than raising money the traditional way, the project's organizers point out. And — except for the nagging fact that selling marijuana remains a crime under federal law - it even feels more honest to the people behind Life is Art. They see it as a way of supporting the cause with physical labor and the fruits of the land instead of the wheedling of donors, an especially appealing prospect in an economy where raising money has become more difficult than ever.

"The whole game of finding support just started to seem so childish," said Kirsha Kaechele, the foundation's director, as she hauled a plastic tub of freshly harvested cannabis hybrid branches up a hill one morning recently on her rolling land just outside of Santa Rosa. "So I decided to grow up and became a marijuana farmer."

In California, where voters will

consider a ballot initiative in November that would make theirs the first state to legalize marijuana for recreational use — and where some growers are already donating portions of their proceeds to nonprofit causes like AIDS charities — the idea of putting pot to work for the arts seems to be spreading.

Artists Collective, a two-yearold medical marijuana service in Los Angeles formed with the idea of directing a large share of its income to the creative world, gave away its first chunk of money in August, to the winner of a national short-story contest it sponsored, judged by the novelist Neal Pollack. The initial prize was just \$1,000, but Dann Halem, the collective's founder and director, said the goal of the nonprofit organization was to become as effective and well known as Newman's Own, Paul Newman's food-based charity, which he cited as an inspi-

"Hopefully in the long run this is something that will be able to give millions and millions to the arts," he said.

### Netanyahu's new offer to Palestinians fuels debate

By Ethan Bronner

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — An offer Monday by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to freeze West Bank Jewish settlements in exchange for Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state — instantly rejected by the Palestinians — was the latest complex maneuver engendering debate about his intentions.

The offer, made in a speech at the opening of the fall session of parliament, was aimed either at keeping talks with the Palestinians alive and his right-wing coalition partners in check, or at seeking to shift the burden of failure to the Palestinians and escape blame should the talks wither and die.

As part of a flurry of initiatives favored by Israel's right that began Sunday, Netanyahu backed a measure that requires non-Jewish immigrants to take a loyalty oath to Israel as a Jewish and democratic state before they can become citi-

zens. On Monday, his government supported a bill that would require a national referendum before any territory could be yielded in a peace deal.

"The last few days clearly are disturbing as to which direction all this is going," Isaac Herzog, Israel's welfare minister, who is from the Labor Party, said in a telephone interview. "It may all be in preparation for the big peace step, or it may be a political maneuver to regain control of the right."

Netanyahu is facing particular competition on the right from his foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, who has made a loyalty oath for Arabs a central part of his political appeal to Jewish supporters and said there will be no peace with the Palestinians for at least a generation

But Netanyahu also has to contend with American and other international pressure to resume a construction freeze on West Bank Jewish settlements. Friday, the Arab

League backed a Palestinian vow not to return to direct U.S.-sponsored talks without a full settlement construction freeze. It gave the Obama administration another month to come up with a way to save the negotiations.

In his parliamentary speech, Netanyahu mentioned that he was considering U.S. proposals. He did not specify them, but they are known to include security guarantees and military hardware in exchange for a freeze extension of two to three months.

But Netanyahu said recognition of Israel as a Jewish state would be enough for now.

"If the Palestinian leadership will say unequivocally to its people that it recognizes Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people, I will be ready to convene my government and request a further suspension of construction for a fixed period," he said, referring to the expired 10-month construction

### Unrepentant, Paladino calls gay parades 'disgusting'

By Elizabeth A. Harris

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — Despite an uproar over his remarks about gays Sunday, Carl P. Paladino appeared on national television Monday and expressed

revulsion at gay pride parades.

Paladino reiterated his criticism of Andrew M. Cuomo, his Democratic opponent for New York governor, for having taken his young daughters to a gay pride parade, saying that such events were inappropriate for children.

"Is that normal? Would you do it? Would you take your children to a gay pride parade?" Paladino asked host Matt Lauer on the "Today" show, speaking of Cuomo. "I don't think it's proper for them to go there and watch a couple of grown men grind against each other. I don't think that's proper. I think it's disgusting." He added, "No, I don't regret the remarks."

On Sunday, Paladino, speaking to a group of Orthodox Jewish

leaders in Brooklyn, said children should not be "brainwashed into thinking that homosexuality is an equally valid and successful option — it isn't."

Paladino's comments formed the backdrop as he took part Monday in one of the most prominent events of his campaign so far — the Columbus Day parade in Manhattan. He faced a smattering of hecklers along the route, although there were supporters as well and he was greeted cordially outside St. Patrick's Cathedral by the archbishop of New York, Timothy F. Dolan.

With the march up Fifth Avenue barely begun, Paladino was surrounded by two dozen journalists. After they kept peppering him with questions about his comments about homosexuality, Paladino lost his temper.

"Would you take your children to the gay pride parade?" he said. "Tell me! Huh?"

To keep the swarm of reporters at bay, several police officers escorted

him on the parade route. Some onlookers held signs denouncing Paladino, while others yelled at him.

"Paladino hates gay people!" said one man, Lenny Harrington, a 41-year-old electrician.

But Paladino also encountered friendly faces in the crowd.

Enrico Difinizio, 53, a sheet metal worker from Staten Island who described himself as a conservative Republican, said he supported Paladino.

"I don't think the man hates gays," Difinizio said. "He has his views. They're true views. He's a believer."

Paladino and Dolan had a brief exchange, and a photographer who overheard a snippet of the conversation said Paladino had asked the archbishop for his blessing. After the parade, a spokesman for the Archdiocese of New York, Joseph Zwilling, said Dolan had also spoken to Cuomo along the parade route. Dolan assured them that "they had his prayers," Zwilling said.

### Russia is seeking to build Europe's nuclear plants

*MOSCOW* — The Russian nuclear industry has profited handsomely from building reactors in developing countries, including India, China and Iran. Now it is testing the prospect of becoming a major supplier to the European Union, too.

Shrugging off the legacy of Chernobyl, the Russian state nuclear company, Rosatom, is preparing a bid on its second new project in the European Union, at the Temelin station in the Czech Republic, potentially worth \$8 billion. Rosatom is already building a smaller unit in Bulgaria.

And the Russians, already major suppliers of low-enriched uranium fuel to the European Union under a venture with Areva, the French nuclear group, are planning independently to enter the market of fuel for Western-designed plants. Rosatom now provides 100 percent of the fuel used in Switzerland, for example, and 30 percent of all reactor uranium used in France, the Continent's biggest consumer.

Rosatom has been promoting another singular advantage, one that also shows the Russians' peculiarly high comfort level with all things nuclear, even after Chernobyl: a willingness to take nuclear waste off the hands of clients, particularly if they buy Russian reactors.

Of the 60 reactors under construction worldwide, Rosatom is building 15-10 in Russia and 5 abroad — according to the Nuclear Energy Institute, a trade group in Washington.

—Andrew E. Kramer, The New York Times

### Europe may ease jet carbon fees for U.S.-based airlines

BRUSSELS — The transportation chief of the European Union said Monday that airlines based in the United States could receive an exemption, at least in part, from European carbon regulations if Washington moved to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at home.

"We are ready to negotiate and to talk about these issues and not only make declarations," Siim Kallas, the European commissioner for transportation, said during a news conference. "Adequate measures from other countries can be taken into account."

The EU agreed two years ago to include in the regulations all airlines taking off from, and landing in, the EU starting Jan. 1, 2012.

The law is the boldest move yet by the bloc to push the rest of the world to comply with its climate policies. It has led to widespread criticism from the airline industry, especially from carriers in the United States.

Under the law, airlines would be charged for only about 15 percent of the cost of permits needed to cover their emissions until the end of the decade. Still, compliance would cost the industry at least 2.4 billion euros, or about \$3.3 billion, a year, according to the International Air Transport Association, a trade group

—James Kanter, The New York Times

### For women in France, dim outlook on equality

PARIS — Courtesy of the state, French women seem to have it all: multiple children, a job and, often, a figure to die for.

What they do not have is equality. France ranks 46th in the World Economic Forum's 2010 gender equality report, trailing the United States and most of Europe, but also Kazakhstan and Jamaica.

Eighty-two percent of French women ages 25 to 49 work, many of them full time, according to the national statistics office INSEE, but 82 percent of seats in the National Assembly are occupied by men. French women earn 26 percent less than men but spend twice as much time on domestic tasks, according to INSEE; few make it to the top of business or politics.

They have the most babies in Europe, according to Eurostat, the European Union's statistical agency, but are also the biggest consumers of antidepressants, various studies show.

A recent 22-country survey by the Pew Research Center summed it up: Three in four French people say they believe that men have a better life than women, by far the highest share in any country polled.

The French Republic made equality a founding principle, but it gave women the right to vote in 1944. While a 1998 law obliged political parties to have an equal number of male and female candidates on their party lists, parties have tended to pay fines rather than comply.

—Katrin Bennhold, The New York Times

### U.S. grenade may have killed British hostage of Taliban

LONDON — Prime Minister David Cameron said Monday that a British aid worker killed in an American rescue raid in Afghanistan last week may have been killed by a grenade detonated by a U.S. special forces unit — not by a suicide bomber's vest from her Taliban captors, as the American command in Afghanistan suggested when it confirmed her death on Saturday.

A grim-faced Cameron appeared at a news conference to say he had learned of "this deeply distressing development" on Monday from the top American and NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen. David H. Petraeus, who told him that an American-led review of the raid to rescue the aid worker, Linda Norgrove, "has revealed evidence to indicate that Linda may not have died at the hands of her captors as originally believed."

Cameron added: "That evidence and subsequent interviews with the personnel involved suggest that Linda could have died as a result of a grenade detonated by the task force during the assault. However, this is not certain and a full U.S./U.K. investigation will now be launched."

On Monday American officials in Kabul and at the Central Command Headquarters in Tampa, Fla., announced that a senior officer in the U.S. Special Operations command, Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Votel, had been appointed to lead an investigation into Norgrove's death, and that he would work "in close cooperation" with British officials.

—John F. Burns, The New York Times



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### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### Renovations made MacGregor safe

I am writing to clarify several assertions in the opinion piece by Ryan Normandin, published on October 5, 2010.

The fire alarm testing at MacGregor last month was not excessive nor did it endanger residents. My office, in cooperation with MIT Facilities, took every step to minimize the intrusiveness of this testing. We started two weeks ahead of time in August and, once classes started on Sept. 8, conducted tests between only 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the request of the student residents. Combined with other measures, we were able to restrict the bulk of class-time testing to just five days for four hours each, a reduction of 85 percent from the original schedule for this period.

Throughout the process, we met with the Housemasters and GRTs and communicated with residents to update them on the plans and progress. One possible explanation for Normandin's observation that few students left the building during a test is that the new fire alarm system in MacGregor is separated between the

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high-rise and the low-rise. If an alarm sounds in the high-rise, low-rise residents will not be asked to leave and vice-versa. Moreover, had there been an actual emergency during testing, the new system includes a public address feature would have allowed us to alert students at any time with specific instructions.

I am also bewildered by the op-ed's

headline, presumably written by *The Tech* staff, stating that "summer safety upgrades blew deadline after deadline, putting students at risk." This is simply untrue: our projects proceeded on schedule and according to plan. Apart from the alarm testing, the only work that extended into the semester related to improvements to the hot water and heating systems. These upgrades occurred in mechanical spaces, did not affect building services, and were not noticeable to students.

We test fire alarm systems to assure that our students will be safe in an emergency. The important message about this summer's work is that MacGregor students are now enjoying considerable improvements to their safety and comfort. In the future, I encourage *The Tech* to check with my office before publishing assertions that we made mistakes that put students at risk.

—Dennis Collins Director of Housing, Division of Student Life

### Red state rising

### Ignore O'Donnell — the Tea Party is just what the GOP needs in 2010

By Keith Yost

STAFF COLUMNIST

In the 1990's, Christine O'Donnell dismissed evolution as "just a theory," and compared masturbation to adultery. More recently, she claimed scientists "are cross-breeding humans and animals and coming up with mice with fully functioning human brains," and said China was plotting to take over the United States. She has lied about her education, misused campaign contributions, and has a history of tax problems. She is an incompetent reprobate with a world view that is as simplistic as it is atavistic. She is the 2010 Republican candidate for Delaware's open senate seat.

O'Donnell has never been elected to public office, and 2010 will be no exception. Her Democratic opponent has a 15-point lead that shows no signs of flagging. What's more, she became the Republican candidate by pulling an upset against Mike Castle, a centrist Republican who served for eight years as the governor of Delaware and another eighteen as its sole representative in the U.S. House. Castle, had he won the primary, would have coasted to an easy victory in the general election.

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In response to O'Donnell's primary victory, many pundits have been quick to launch into jeremiads on the state of the Republican party, and some on the left have even begun shedding crocodile tears for their destroyer-turned-fallen-comrade, Mike Castle. They claim the Tea Party (which heavily backed Ms. O'Donnell) is destroying Republican electoral prospects.

In the instance of the Delaware senate race, this assertion is undoubtedly true. But a single datum does not a trend line make.

There are a few other examples to cite: The special election in New York's 23rd district saw Doug Hoffman scuttle the promising candidacy of Dede Scozzafava, and the gubernatorial elections of New York and Colorado will likely turn out just as self-destructive for Republicans.

But there the pattern ends. Most Tea Party wins have led to competitive or winning races — in the senate contests in Utah, Kentucky, Colorado, and Nevada, Mike Lee, Rand Paul, Joe Buck, and Sharron Angle are ahead or polling competitively against their opponents. And in Alaska and Florida, Democrats poll third, trailing by double digits against both moderate and conservative Republican offerings. In dozens of other significant races, Tea Party challengers failed to win their primaries, and now cheer on their fellow Republicans from the sidelines.

Missteps like O'Donnell are an inescapable feature of politics. Primary voters lean more strongly to their respective wings than the general electorate, and so we often see less electable, more ideologically pure candidates scoring own-goals on their party. This is just as true of Democratic primaries in 2006 and 2008 as it has been of Republican ones in 2010 (and has been true of a few 2010 Democratic primaries as well: just ask Alan Mollohan of West Virginia).

Perhaps there is no better example than the woeful tale of Pennsylvania's Arlen Specter. In April of 2009, back when the Tea Party movement was little more than the rhetorical flourish of a CNBC business news editor, Mr. Specter, facing at a losing primary battle against conservative Pat Toomey in 2010, decided to switch parties. He thought he would have an easier time of things campaigning as a Democrat. But no respite came — in the Democratic primaries he was ousted by a liberal, Joe Sestak. Toomey now leads Sestak by a healthy margin.

The take-away summary of 2010 is not that of an imploding Republican party, but of an ascendant conservatism, stumbling in rare instances, but for the most part demanding, and getting, its way.

The Tea Party movement has been massively beneficial to the Republican cause. Not only has it coordinated the GOP message onto a winning platform — fiscal conservatism — but it has also attracted demographics that are normally difficult for Republicans to reach. Women make up a majority of the Tea Party, and one in three African American likely voters supports the movement, according to recent polls.

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This is also the first year in which the GOP has paid more than lip service to Karl Rove's long-begged-for strategy of courting Latino voters. With Marco Rubio, Abel Maldonado, Raul Labrador, Brian Sandoval, Susana Martinez, and John Sanchez, the Republicans have put forward a surprising number of Latino candidates in races that are both winnable and weighty. The Tea Party is not a retrenchment to the GOP's hardcore wings — it's an expansion of the party's base.

Not long ago, the Republicans were leaderless, message-less, powerless, a perfect embodiment of disarray. Today they stand poised to deliver one of the greatest political comebacks in history. It is easy to bemoan how the Tea Party took the GOP from +9 to +8 in its senate races — the real story here is how it first took them from +0 to +9.

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### The world's imperceptible slide towards standardization

In our efforts to embrace all cultures, we begin to lose our own

By Ronan Killian McGovern

I've now spent two months seeing gas priced per gallon and I still can't tell whether it's good value compared to back home. You tell me that it is 70 degrees outside and I agree that what you say seems plausible — I've realized that you are talking the Fahrenheit language. I suppose I'm lucky here in the States, coming from an English speaking country, that communication is somewhat easier for me than for those who have learned the language at a later stage of life. And often, when I see others or when I find myself lost in translation, I ask, will mankind ever standardize communication?

A single language seems, on the surface, an idyllic aspiration. We might suggest English, the Chinese might say Mandarin, but Spanish is conceivable too. And there problems begin. Still, a worldwide language seems quite a worthwhile notion, providing entry through the cultural mouths of world rivers, all feeding one great ocean, to a bouquet of flavours, an orchard of tastes, an anthology of literature and a compendium of science, all comprehensible and open to

worldwide discussion. Yet, is there a point at which the benefits stop, when a chorus of dissenting voices begin to trump standardization?

You're sitting, crouched over lecture notes, under the Barker library dome. The sun has fallen while you've been kept up by a single equation. The trouble is, you're not sure whether it's a fundamental truth or a mortal's definition, so often indistinguishable. And yes, you've discovered one flawed aspect of convention, its ability to disguise and replace the fundamental.

So you close over your books and snap your binder shut, happy to leave such distinguishing to those who have gone before. You shuffle out from the library and step into an elevator of foreigners. Two speak an Asian language while the others are Europeans, speaking what is probably French or German. Then again, it could be Irish. Conducting research through a different language must be like painting with different colors, or even a different canvass or brushes. Were a linguist to be present, they would say each language is an alternative approach rather than an alternative means of communica-

tion; each with unique foundations from which inspiration is drawn. Yet, this random subset of students, with whom you now share an elevator, may have something else in common: a prior education conducted through English. They have forgone their linguistic uniqueness to sing from a universal hymn sheet and to be inspired, at least in part, by a standardized muse. That's what I did, through inevitability rather than choice, and maybe not even reluctantly. Mankind faces a challenge, because in the time frame of an individual's life, uniqueness and isolation have recently become synonymous.

While, based on instinct, we may say to ourselves that diversity should be promoted, enhanced and protected, the truth is that in absorbing aspects from all cultures worldwide, we sometimes forget the great importance of protecting our own. In our attempts to be inclusive we cast our nets out far and wide, seeking the popularity of common ground. On a more frequent basis, the approach, whose goal was to combine the best of all approaches, has become a process within which diversity is weeded out in the first phase, a process seemingly justified by

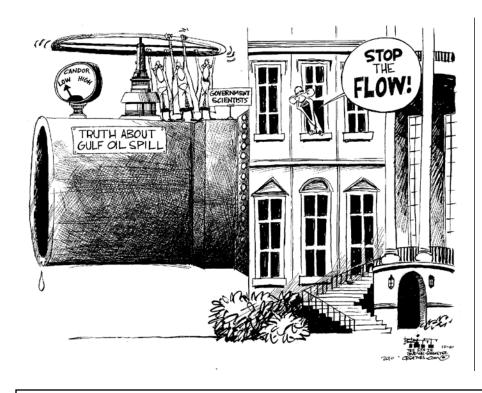
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For centuries now, foreign travel and international communication have been rising in tandem. Immigration and integration have risen long ago to the top of the political agenda, and I wonder, do we yet know what we mean by integration? Have we lost the run of ourselves, feeling responsible for not being everyone else? Instinct incites us to preserve our own customs and pride. Yet, over time customs evolve, combine and divide in a way that is intriguing.

I wonder how the tide is turning. What if we sang from the same hymn sheet, all painted with a single color, spoke a universal language and agreed on scientific nomenclature? Could our world become so melancholy, dreary and dull?

These are farfetched possibilities, about which we needn't worry. And yet, simultaneously, in our technological drive for omnipotent channels of communication, we seem to acquiesce, albeit unwittingly, to a world of standardization.

Ronan Killian McGovern is a graduate student in the department of Mechanical Engineering.





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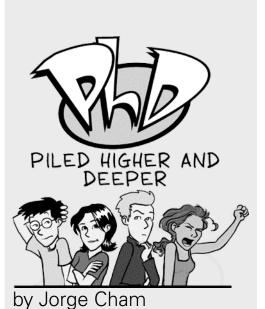
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### Steal My Comic by Michael Ciuffo





WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU'D GET DONE THE NEXT DAY WHEN YOU WENT TO SLEEP THE NIGHT BEFORE:

GET UP EARLY, WORK OUT. 8:00am

9:00am HAVE A FULL BREAKFAST, GET TO WORK ON TIME.

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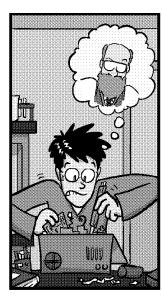
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### **Crossword Puzzle**

Solution, page 10

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- 14 Nile capital
- 15 Caspian feeder
- 16 Race in "The Time Machine"
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- 38 Blood vessel: pref.
- 39 Finished
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- 42 Futile quest 45 Rose of Guns N' Roses
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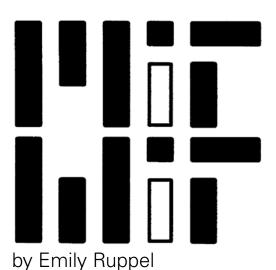
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- 50 That was close!
- 51 Taj Mahal site
- 52 Rani's spouse
- 53 Earth Day subj.
- 54 Hebrides island 56 Squealer
- 57 "\_\_ bin ein Berliner"
- 58 GOP gathering

Somewhere on the Search for Meaning by Letitia Li











### The Apex



by Jerry Holkins and Mike Krahulik







### **Easy Sudoku**

Solution, page 11

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### **Hard Sudoku**

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### In LA, food truck fad is about to go mainstream

By Adam Nagourney
THE NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES — This is the place where food trucks really first took to the streets, catering to fanatical customers who relished — along with the food — the renegade and slightly outlaw nature of the whole business.

Those frontier days may be about to end.

Los Angeles County is moving to submit its flock of 9,500 food trucks and carts to the same health department rules as restaurants — including requiring them to prominently post a letter grade based on food

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inspections — in what may be the ultimate sign that this faddiest of food fads is going mainstream. And if that is not establishment enough, food trucks, whose allure has been enhanced by their mysterious comings and goings, some signaled by puffs of Twitter postings, will have to file route maps (route maps!) with the health department, to facilitate at least one field inspection a year, beyond the single annual inspection now required.

As with restaurants, health inspectors will be empowered to shut down a truck that scores less than a C for not enough attention to basic safety and food hygiene practices — for example, dirty counters, food left out, unwashed hands.

"People are saying, 'I see A, B, C's

at restaurants, but not trucks: Why not?" said Jonathan E. Fielding, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

He said Los Angeles had seen a 13 percent reduction in hospitalizations linked to restaurant food poisoning since the county first imposed the rule on restaurants in 1997.

"We changed the incentives, and that's what this is all about," he said. "We want protecting consumers against food-borne illness to be top-of-mind all the time."

By any measure, this is a serious moment in the evolution of food trucks, coming in the city that is the symbol of the Wild West ethos of the trucks: Where it is possible to walk the streets and face an array of offerings ranging from traditional beef tacos to kimchi quesadillas (think Korean-Mexican fusion), sold in trucks painted in pastel colors, affixed with Twitter addresses. They draw rolling throngs of customers whose nonchalance at the prospect of these new regulations, at least as reflected in some interviews, suggests that the dietary risks of food truck exploration might actually be part of the thrill.

"Sometimes I get a kick out of eating where it doesn't look like it's the cleanest," said Joel Micallef, 37. "You can imagine the underbelly is full of cockroaches. But I bet some restaurants that get A's probably have some problems you can't see."

But Deborah Beckman, 35, who visits the trucks every day, said she would pay close notice to any posted grade, as she did at restaurants.

"I've never eaten at a C restaurant," she said. "I feel sketchy eating at a B"

Los Angeles is one of a growing number of cities trying to accommodate an explosion in the number of food trucks. The health regulations to be voted on by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday appear to be among the most exacting in the nation, further erasing the

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line between how restaurants and food trucks are treated, and signaling a new phase in regulation that until now had been focused on where they can park and for how long.

(One of the biggest changes proposed to the Los Angeles County Code: The phrase "food establishment" is replaced throughout with the words "food facility.")

In Chicago, the City Council is considering legislation to open the gates for food trucks by removing a restriction on cooking on the road; under current law, trucks may to sell only prepackaged foods. Central to any deal, officials said, is that the trucks agree to be subjected to regular health department inspections, and that they file their routes so inspectors can find them.

All of this is more than fine with the food truck operators.

"Very much so," said Matt Maroni, an operator in Chicago who has been pushing for the change. "We're not fighting anything; we just want to be allowed to do it."

Lawmakers in Austin, Texas, where the number of trucks has been increasing 20 percent a year since 2006, just toughened its regulations by requiring owners to file their routes with the city. And in a reflection of this new reality, the City Council authorized the hiring of three new inspectors.

"We needed more compliance," said David B. Lopez, manager of the environment and consumer health unit of the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department. "And we need more staff to do this compliance."

New York City requires food trucks and carts to get permits and subjects them to annual inspections, city officials said. But New York imposes a strict cap on the number of food carts, issuing just 3,100 two-year permits and 1,000 seasonal permits; there is a waiting list, officials said.

The food truck industry in Los Angeles has not resisted this latest regulatory move, in contrast to previous efforts to limit where they could park. For one thing, some proprietors said, it would probably not be wise to appear to be resisting routine health inspections. And posting a letter grade, assuming it was a passing grade, would presumably be good for business.

"It brings more legitimacy to an industry that is fairly new in the mainstream," said Matt Geller, vice president of the Southern California Mobile Food Vendors Association, which represents 86 food trucks. "It couldn't come soon enough for us."

Gloria Molina, a member of the Board of Supervisors and one of the backers of the measure, said: "It's very hard to say, 'No, we shouldn't be inspected.' They are providing food to consumers, just like restaurants

"Everyone is going to support it — until they get a B or a C," said Molina, who has previously battled with food truck owners over attempts to regulate them. "And then they are going to be opposed to it."

Still some food truck operators expressed worry that the government, in protecting the interests of restaurants, would use these regulations to try to hound them out of business.

"It's good to have letter grades, but I don't think they have our interests at heart," said Vince Giangrande, owner of the Vesuvio truck on Wilshire Boulevard. "It's another way to put us out of business."

And several said this could be

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particularly troublesome for oldschool Latino taco truck operators, who might not speak English and thus would have trouble dealing with inspectors who do not speak Spanish.

"My main concern is not the ordinance itself but the treatment of the vendors by the inspectors," said Erin Glenn, executive director of the Asociacion de Loncheros La Familia Unida de CA, which represents many traditional taco trucks. "Oftentimes, with traditional food trucks, there is a language divide. Truthfully, this could be such a challenge for some of our members."

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### Solution to Hard Sudoku

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### Solution to Crossword from page 6

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### Models explain rigidity in European markets

Diamond, from Page 1

The work is especially relevant today, as policy makers try to understand and combat the causes of stubbornly high unemployment in countries like the United States.

In a phone interview, Diamond, 70, said that one of the implications of his work was that more fiscal and monetary stimulus was probably necessary to speed job growth.

"The slower it happens, the more workers lose their skills and stop searching, and so the process goes more poorly after that," Diamond said.

President Barack Obama nominated Diamond in April for a Fed board position, where he would serve under his former student, Ben S. Bernanke, the Fed chairman. But in August, under an obscure procedural rule, the Senate sent Diamond's nomination back to the White House before starting its summer recess, and a senator questioned his experience.

Obama renominated Diamond for the Fed position Sept. 13. A hearing on his confirmation is still to come.

The work honored Monday also suggests that policies intended to help workers can have unintended consequences. Unemployment

benefits, for example, can prolong joblessness by making it less costly to be without work.

"That's a big controversy in the U.S. recently," said Robert Shimer, an economics professor at the University of Chicago. "Most of these models suggest that even in a depressed economy, more generous unemployment benefits tend to raise the unemployment rate. Benefits are obviously good for the unemployed, but there are some clear tradeoffs."

The models help explain why European labor markets tend to be much more rigid than U.S. ones, where people can move from job to job relatively easily, at least in good times.

"Many European countries put restrictions on the ability of firms to hire and fire," said Lawrence F. Katz, a Harvard economist. "If you make it harder to hire and fire, then you end up with what's called a sclerotic labor market, with less movement between jobs and more long-term unemployment."

Europe's struggles in the 1970s and 1980s with an underclass of chronically unemployed workers helped inspire Pissarides, 62, a Cyprus native, to study the search costs of labor markets in the first place, he said.

Monday's announcement also played into current debates about the government's role in addressing long-term unemployment and about whether the elevated unemployment levels today represent a "new normal."

"I think the economy is very adaptive," Diamond said in a news conference at MIT. "Workers and employers will adapt to what will make the economy function. I see no reason why, once we get fully over this, we won't go back to normal times," with more "normal" unemployment rates.

Mortensen, 71, of Northwestern, said additional measures to get credit functioning more normally, and in particular to make it easier for small businesses to get loans, were crucial to reducing unemployment.

"From my perspective the problem right now is not the labor market," he said during a phone call with reporters. "What's happening in the labor market is a symptom of more complicated problems with the financial market."

The line of research begun by the three Nobel laureates is still active today. "Search theory" has been applied to many other areas, like money systems and venture capital markets — really, any market that can be considered heterogeneous.

"Which is most markets," said Robert E. Hall, a Stanford economist, "except for maybe things like grain"

Justin Wolfers, a University of Pennsylvania economist, has applied the theory in his own work on marriage and divorce, for example.

"Labor economists think about firing costs, and family economists think about divorce costs," Wolfers said.

Just as restrictions on firing an employee make fewer workers available for new positions — and therefore make companies skittish about making too many changes to their work force — low divorce rates can be self-perpetuating. With divorces rare, unhappy spouses may think twice about getting a divorce themselves, since there would be so few eligible new mates available after the breakup.

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### Juror disagrees with PBE's punishment

### Confusion over judicial procedures changed jurors' final decisions

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determining responsibility for the act," Merriman said.

The committee, which was composed of four representatives from fraternities and the Judicial Committee secretary, unanimously found that PBE had hazed its pledges. What followed from that decision was automatic expulsion.

Merriman said that he and the other jury members were not told that there were alternatives to expelling PBE — just the opposite, in fact. Merriman had suggested imposing some form of adult oversight (such as having a faculty adviser), but was told that that would not be sufficient and that expulsion was the only option they had.

"I learned after the fact that we did not have to expel PBE and that

was not apparent to me during the JudComm hearing and I don't believe that was apparent to the others either," Merriman said. "Looking back on it, that was a mistake on my part. I didn't know that and I should have stood up more for if I was correct, but I was told that that was an impossibility. Looking back on it, I don't think this whole process was fair"

"I really do not believe that the process is sufficient for what happened. I don't think that JudComm should have the ability to expel people," Merriman said.

### Initiation document was misleading

The incriminating document that laid out PBE's new member program exaggerated the severity of what PBE pledges were subjected to, some said.

"In many instances, the titles of the [new member program] events in question are derived from pop culture and differ greatly from what actually takes place. It is an internal reference only used by the brothers and never shared with the new members or outsiders so there is no need to name them appropriately or accurately," said Arjun Naskar '09, former president of PBE and a current director of the PBE alumni corporation. "A lot of the jurors looking at the document already had negative impressions based on the names of the events which made an uphill battle that we had to fight when we were asked about the specifics."

According to Merriman, PBE admitted ownership of the document. "They admitted that the document

was their initiation document, so in some sense, what was written down must have been factual. But basically every single point of contention, they argued against and said that 'we don't really do what is written here we do something else or even if though that might sound bad, it's not really that bad we only do this instead," Merriman said.

"If everything in the document happened ... as it was described [in the document] then it was certainly hazing," Merriman said.

A rumor around campus was that PBE had locked their pledges in a room with kegs of beer as part of their new member program. "The being locked in the room, that was part of the independent corroboration. I think Ryan Schoen had

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**Edan Krolewicz '12 enjoys** a refreshing sip of water more than a mile into the race.

Tim the Beaver himself showed up to help support the cause. The race raised over \$3,000 for a habitat home in Boston.

14 THE TECH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

### Students rank issues in survey

Undergrads want credit for club sports, ice cream parlor

**UA survey, from Page 1** 

sion for the new dining plan will be made by Colombo, Wyman and Modi said they will inform Colombo of what they have learned from the student survey. Wyman said that she believes "a plan should not be implemented until it is clear that affected students

Tom Gearty, the director of communications for the Division of Student Life, said that he has not yet looked at the survey data, however, he said that all incoming freshmen and parents should have known about the change. "The Housing Office made sure that the information sent out to incoming students and parents noted the new meal plan," Gearty said.

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Dining The survey also revealed that some students were not aware of the proposed dining plan, which is planned for fall 2011. Of the 222 survey participants who live in a dining dorm, 26 said that they have not heard about the dining plan. 15 of those 26 students are freshmen. **Prining** 

Modi said that it is concerning to know that some students don't know about the plan, but it is even more concerning that students who do know the plan don't support it.

### Survey addressed range of student life issues

The survey was given to students in paper form, Modi said, in order to reduce response bias.

Survey respondents listed items which they would like the UA to address this year. The most common issues include dining (188), shuttles (50), and printing/scanning/computing

The survey also asked questions about Maseeh Hall, PE credit for club sports, and the plans for the former "Game Room" in the Student Center next to LaVerde's.

Students were in support of giving PE credit for club sports. Out of 655 student participants, 447 said "Yes" to giving PE credit, 138 said "Depends," and 66 said "No." According to Chair of the UA Committee of Athletics Riley E. Brandt '11, giving PE credit for club sports has been a proposal for several years. "The UA Athletics Committee is re-engaging DAPER on this issue now, after our survey in April 2010 revealed that 70.6 percent of club athletes re-CONNOR KIRSCHBAUM-THE TECH port dedicating more than 5 hours a

week to their club sport..." Brandt said.

Department Head of Athletics Julie Soriero said that due to staffing issues, it will be too difficult to administer such a program both strategically and fairly. She said that the option will be explored in the relatively near future, but not this year.

Students also showed interest in the ideas the UA presented in changing the Game Room. Located next to La Verde's in the Student Center, the Game Room once currently functions as a public area with ta-

bles and couches. In the survey, a majority of students (374) voted for putting a "Smoothie / Ice Cream" store in that space. Students were also receptive to ideas including a fast food restaurant (186), arcade and video games (118), and a study area

(118). Plans to start implementation have not yet started, but the UA has already begun talks with Director Phillip Walsh of the Campus Activities Complex.

Students showed some interest in moving to Maseeh Hall, the newly renovated undergraduate residence. 86 survey respondents said that they wanted to

live in Maseeh Hall next fall. 110 said that they might **Shuttles** want to live in Maseeh. Of the 196 students who are considering in living in Maseeh Hall, 43 percent are freshmen, 34 percent are sophomores, and 15 percent are

> Dorms with students showing the most interest in moving to Maseeh Hall are Next House (44), Simmons (36), Baker (35),

and Burton Conner (21). According to Chair of the UA Housing Committee Daniel D. Hawkins '12, about 40 students from the Phoenix Group will end up in Maseeh Hall in the fall. The Phoenix Group has also established "social members" of the group, who do not currently live with the Phoenix Group, but might be given housing preference during the Maseeh Hall housing process. The actual process for filling Maseeh Hall is still not known.

### Most common student concerns for the UA

Square area cooresponds to student interest. Numbers refer to quantity of student references to the issue in the survey results

### After PBE, judicial bylaws may change Some frat presidents concerned

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interviewed somebody who had depledged from the PBE pledge class recently and looking to see if he would corroborate any evidence that they had gotten," said Merriman.

Merriman confirmed that one of PBE's initiation activities involved pouring beer on pledges. "The initiation document was somewhat unclear. It just said that there were to be beers present and that they would be poured on the pledges as they went through the ritual...PBE explained to us that it was part of it was a metaphor for cleansing and it was a metaphor for cleansing and they had a whole ritual that went with it. It's hard to exactly know what does or does not happen, but PBE's sense of the ritual made it seem perhaps not as severe as it might have been," Merriman said.

Merriman said, "I really hope that there is something that can be done because I think PBE is a very strong fraternity, and I don't think what happened was fair."

### Fraternity new member programs

Since PBE's suspension, some fraternities have been nervous about whether their new member programs are okay under MIT's hazing policy. According to Marlena Martinez Love, the director of the Office of Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups (FSILG), fraternities can bring their programs to the FSILG office, the IFC, their national organizations, or their local alumni organizations.

"Every year, we have our entire new member program reviewed by members of the PBE Corporation as well as with the FSILG Office, specifically Deans Love and Miller," Naskar said. "I'd be surprised and impressed if all members of the IFC did the same on an annual basis."

It is unclear whether PBE brought the contents of the document stolen from their servers to the FSILG office for review last

The FSILG has no plans at the moment to create programs to inform other fraternities of the hazing policy or to make the definition of hazing more concrete. "There's no specific policy or specific program being created yet. We're trying to find the best way to approach it," said Love.

### **Proposed Changes to the IFC Judicial Bylaws**

A proposed change to the judicial bylaws was proposed at the Interfraternity Council (IFC) President's Council meeting last Wednesday.

'There was some talk among the presidents. A few of the presidents were not pleased with the outcome or the process so they were looking into seeing what could be done to support PBE whether that means changing the way the judicial process works," Schoen said.

Schoen declined to comment on the specifics of the proposed changes before the vote occurs.

"I think it's fair to say that all of the attention on the judicial process has inspired the presidents to make it as fair as possible," said Schoen.

The change will be voted on at the next President's Council meeting in a week and a half. This change will not have any retroactive effect, so this will not affect their decision to suspend PBE.

According to Schoen, some presidents were worried that they were not "extremely involved in the process because it was handled by JudComm entirely. So there were a few presidents that thought that this case should have been heard by the presidents themselves."

The IFC will not be able to take backtheir decision about PBE even if were to change its mind. "We received word from the administration that even in the event that the IFC wishes to re-recognize PBE as a fraternity, and that's not saying that that's the majority opinion, just if that were to occur, the MIT administration is not planning to grant recognition to PBE until the end of their four year suspension," Schoen said.

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Neil T. Forrester '12 steadies his boat during the 18th Annual Brass Rat Regatta on Saturday morning. Over 30 current and former members of MIT Sailing showed up for the race.

### **SPORTS SHORT**

### Oleinik takes goals record as field hockey beats Wheaton

Jessica Oleinik scored twice to become the program's all-time goals leader, as the MIT field hockey team moved past Wheaton College, 3-1, in a battle of

> conference unbeatens on Saturday afternoon. Oleinik now has 43 career tallies, one more than Stephanie Maifert. The Engineers improved to 12-1 with the win and remain perfect in NEW-MAC play at 5-0.

Kameron Klauber put Tech on the board early with an unassisted marker just eight and a half minutes into the contest. The goal was her 14th of the year. Oleinik would increase the MIT lead with 11:53 to go in the first.

Wheaton scored just 27 seconds later to send the teams into halftime separated by just one.

MIT wasted no time adding an insurance tally in the second half as Oleinik put her name in the record book just 13 seconds in with help from Klauber. The Engineers kept pressure on the Wheaton defense throughout the period, taking 11 shots on goal. Keri Dixon made four of her eight stops in the second to preserve the win.

MIT now is tied atop the NEWMAC standings with Babson College at 5-0.

Tech hosts Daniel Webster College in a non-conference match-up on Thursday.

- Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff

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### Tuesday, October 12

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Women's tennis vs. Wheaton College

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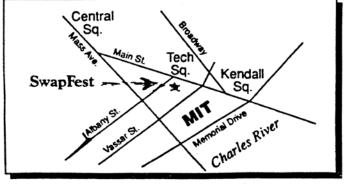
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### **MLB Division Series** to wrap up this week

By Shelley Ackerman

Editor's Note: This piece was submitted on Sunday, before the results of the series were known. All standings are accurate as of 10/10.

At Yankee Stadium on Saturday, the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 6-1, sweeping the the American League Division Series (ALDS) and becoming the first team to advance to the Championship Series. The Yankees have now won nine straight playoff games against the Twins, including two ALDS sweeps in two years. Phil Hughes pitched for the Yankees, dominating the Twins with seven shutout innings. The game also included two home runs by outfielders Nick Swisher and Marcus Thames. The Yankees will play in the American League Championship Series on Friday, either playing against the Tampa Bay Rays or Texas Rangers.

The Rays and Rangers enter their fifth game after an exciting fourth game Sunday. After losing the first two games of the series at home and being down the entire game on Saturday during the third game of the series, The Rays started to pull through with five outs left in the game. Tampa Bay won the game 6-3, avoiding being swept by the Rangers. In the fourth game Sunday, the Rays took the win again with a final score of 5-2. Third baseman Evan Longoria and First Baseman Carlos Pena helped bring the team a few runs early on, with a home run and two doubles from Longoria and two extra-base hits from Pena. Although the Rays had the best record in the American League during the regular season, including a 42-39 record at home, they must find their first win of the postseason at home if they want to advance. They

have a chance to become the second team to win a division series after being down by two games.

After blowing two chances in Texas to clinch the series, the Rangers will head to Tampa once again. The Rangers also have great reason to keep fighting in this division series: they remain the only team in the MLB that has yet to win a postseason series. They surprised many fans in the first two games with two big wins against the then dominating Rays. The fifth game will be filled with excitement. but the Rays have both the homefield advantage and the momentum in the series; they are favored to move on to play the Yankees — their AL East rivals.

In the National League Division series, the Braves are facing the Giants and the Red are facing the Phillies. Both teams played their third games on Sunday. The Phillies currently lead the Reds 2-0 going into the third game. Despite a strong attempt by the Reds in game 2, including an early four run lead, an additional three batters hit and four errors helped lead the Phillies taking the game with a final score of 7-4.

The Braves and Giants remained tied in the series, 1-1, going into the third game Sunday. San Francisco took the first game 1-0, followed by a close win by the Braves in the second game. The Braves lost their veteran closer, Billy Wagner, who left what may be the last game of his career with an injury to his left oblique.

The Giants have an advantage this division series, especially given their strength in pitching. With a two-game lead, the Phillies will likely take their series, resulting in a National League Championship Series between the Phillies and the Giants.



Forward Captain Marisa "Hot Sauce" Jasso '13 (wearing red) scores a try for the Engineers in their match against Wentworth Institute of Technology in last Friday's game. The Engineers, who won the national championship last year, crushed Wentworth 43-9.

### **SPORTS SHORT**

### **Cross country** finishes 12th at New **Englands**

With all five runners among the top 100, the nationally ranked No. 9 MIT women's cross country team finished 12th as a team at

the NEICAAA championship on Saturday afternoon at Franklin Park. Katherine Eve led the way for the Engineers, who were third among all Division III squads in the multi-divisional meet with a

Running on the familiar home course at Franklin Park, Eve completed the five-kilometer race in 18:43 to place 41st overall. Alina Gatowski was not far behind Eve, taking 44th with a time of 18:45. Tania Morimoto came through the chute 11 seconds later, good for 68th place. Martina de Geus's time of 19:12 was enough to put her at 95th and Claire O'Connell was the 100th runner across the finish in 19:17.

Boston College secured the team title, posting four of the top five finishes and score of 26 points. Middlebury College (third) and Williams College (sixth) were the only Division III teams to finish ahead of the Cardinal and

The Engineers wrap up the regular season next Saturday, October 16 at the Connecticut College Invitational. That will be the final meet before the Championship season gets under way with the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) meet on October 30.

-Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff

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